



## Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

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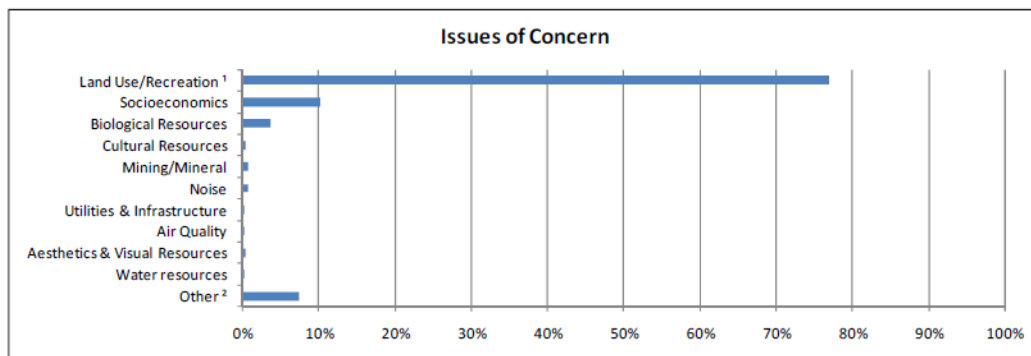
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#### ➤ **Project EIS Scoping Receives Significant Public Response**

The Marine Corps received significant public comments on proposed MEB training alternatives during the public scoping process from October 2008 – January 2009. These comments will be considered in developing the range of reasonable alternatives to meet MEB training requirements that will be studied in the project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

- Nearly 500 written and oral comments were received at three public scoping meetings
- Over 7,000 individual written comments were received by e-mail, letter, comment-sheet or speaker card
- Two petitions were received that contained approximately 12,200 signatures
- Approximately 75% of comments focused on off-highway vehicle and recreation resources



*Note:* <sup>1</sup> Includes the petition to preserve Johnson Valley OHV through de-designation of wilderness areas containing 8,907 signatures and the petition from the Partnership for Johnson Valley containing 3,332 signatures

<sup>2</sup> Other issues include: purpose and need, project costs, mitigation if Johnson Valley OHV area is closed, project boundaries, air traffic, and safety.

#### ➤ **Future Significant Project Milestones:**

- Determination of “Range of Reasonable Alternatives” for study in EIS – September 2009
- Draft EIS – September 2010
- Public Comment on Draft EIS – Fall 2010

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